

Notice of Allowability

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Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 5-24-2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 8,10-13,15-18 and 24-36.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:
 1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

1. ☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date _____
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other _____

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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. The applicants argue (argument filed on 5-24-2006) "Shamouilian '485 fails to disclose that any one of the polymeric materials mentions can be used to form the insulator is a 'protective coating' that is resistant to plasma erosion and corrosion". The applicant point out, in column 1 lines 29-39, Shamouilian discloses "the corrosive environment rapidly erode the polymeric insulator on the chuck". This argument has been fully considered and is persuasive. Thus, the examiner withdraws the previous ground of rejections.

2. The applicants further argue "Clarke provides no suggestion to modify the Shamouilian '485 electrostatic chuck 20 by using liquid crystalline polymer to form an outer plasma-exposed surface. The only types of surfaces to be rendered corrosion resistant by non-analogous Clarke (i.e. surface of a military or commercial aircraft) are unrelated to semiconductor processing equipment." This argument has been fully considered and is persuasive. Thus, the examiner withdraws the previous ground of rejections.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 8, 10-13, 15-18, 24-36 allowed.

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance: Respect to claim 8, 10-12, 15, 17-18, 26-28, 33-34, the cited prior arts fail to disclose or suggest a component of a semiconductor processing equipment, the component comprises a

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substrate having a surface and a liquid crystalline polymer coating on the surface of the substrate and forming an outer surface of the component, the outer surface being resistant to plasma erosion and corrosion in combination with all other limitation in the claims. Respect to claims 13, 16, 24, 30-32, 35-36, the cited prior arts fail to disclose or suggest a component of a semiconductor processing equipment, the component comprises a substrate including a surface and a plasma-sprayed liquid crystalline polymer coating on the surface of the substrate and forming an outer surface of the component, the outer surface being resistant to plasma erosion and corrosion. Respect to claims 25 and 29, the reason for allowance was discussed in previous office action.

5. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Conclusion

6. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Binh X. Tran whose telephone number is (571) 272-1469. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Thursday and every other Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nadine Norton can be reached on (571) 272-1465. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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